

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C.

In the Matter of

**CERTAIN PHOTOVOLTAIC TRUNK
BUS CABLE ASSEMBLIES AND
COMPONENTS THEREOF**

Investigation No. 337-TA-1438

**NOTICE OF COMMISSION DETERMINATION NOT TO REVIEW AN INITIAL
DETERMINATION TERMINATING THE INVESTIGATION AS TO CERTAIN
ASSERTED PATENT CLAIMS**

AGENCY: U.S. International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the U.S. International Trade Commission has determined not to review an initial determination (“ID”) (Order No. 29) of the presiding administrative law judge (“ALJ”) granting complainant’s unopposed motion to terminate the investigation as to claims 2-4, 6, 7, 9, 11, 15-19, and 21-24 of U.S. Patent No. 12,015,375 (“the ’375 patent”) and as to claims 2-6, 9, 13-16, and 18-20 of U.S. Patent No. 12,015,376 (“the ’376 patent”) based on withdrawal of the complaint as to those claims.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Commission instituted this investigation on February 18, 2025, based on a complaint filed by Shoals Technologies Group, LLC (“Shoals”) of Portland, Tennessee. 90 FR 9730-31 (Feb. 18, 2025). The complaint, as supplemented, alleges violations of section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, 19 U.S.C. 1337, based on the importation into the United States, the sale for importation, and the sale within the United States after importation of certain photovoltaic trunk bus cable assemblies and components thereof by reason of the infringement of certain claims of the ’375 and ’376 patents. *Id.* at 9731. The complaint further alleges that a domestic industry exists. *Id.* The notice of investigation names

two respondents: Voltage, LLC of Chapel Hill, North Carolina and Ningbo Voltage Smart Production Co. of Ningbo, China (collectively, “Voltage”). *Id.* The Office of Unfair Import Investigations is not named as a party. *Id.*

On August 19, 2025, the Commission affirmed an ID granting summary determination that, as to Voltage’s allegations that the asserted ’375 and ’376 patents are unenforceable based on inequitable conduct, Voltage has failed to show but-for materiality of certain information allegedly withheld from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office during the prosecution of the patents. Order No. 19 (July 21, 2025), *unreviewed by* Comm’n Notice (Aug. 19, 2025). In that same order, the ALJ denied summary determination on Voltage’s other unenforceability allegations based on inequitable conduct (including egregious misconduct) and based on unclean hands, finding that genuine issues of material fact exist as to those allegations. *Id.*

On August 19, 2025, Shoals filed an unopposed motion to terminate the investigation as to claims 2-4, 6, 7, 9, 11, 15-19, and 21-24 of the ’375 patent and as to claims 2-6, 9, 13-16, and 18-20 of the ’376 patent based on withdrawal of the complaint as to those claims. Voltage did not respond to the motion.

On August 26, 2025, the ALJ issued the subject ID (Order No. 29) granting the motion. The ID finds that the motion complies with the requirements of Commission Rule 210.21(a)(1) (19 CFR 210.21(a)(1)), noting that the motion states that “there are no agreements, written or oral, express or implied between the parties concerning the subject matter of this investigation.” ID at 1. No petitions for review of the subject ID were filed.

The Commission has determined not to review the subject ID. The investigation is terminated as to claims 2-4, 6, 7, 9, 11, 15-19, and 21-24 of the ’375 patent and as to claims 2-6, 9, 13-16, and 18-20 of the ’376 patent.

The Commission vote for this determination took place on September 18, 2025.

The authority for the Commission’s determination is contained in section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (19 U.S.C. 1337), and in Part 210 of the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 CFR Part 210).

By order of the Commission.



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Secretary to the Commission

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